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CHAPTER 66 FORT MYERS, FL – PAGE FIELD (KFMY)
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

I thought I would write something that goes above and beyond the flight advisor program for those of us who have built our own airplanes. It is one thing to have someone else do the test flights for your plane, someone who is removed from the personal attachment and years of labor, someone who will objectively treat your airplane as any other plane. For that, we must be eternally grateful that someone else is willing to take the risks associated with such an endeavor, but beyond that there is something even greater and more beneficial to us as owners and pilots. That is the fine tuning process that evolves as a result of each flight. Our club is extremely lucky to have Tom Irlbeck as a Flight Advisor. He has so far put over 5 hrs. on my aircraft and with each flight he recommends things that will improve and enhance flight characteristics. On the first flight he had no indicated airspeed, yet because of his knowledge and experience he was able to safely land the plane and I was able to correct the problem. On another flight he reported a tendency to track left and he needed a great deal of right rudder to keep the plane tracking straight. He recommended a proper fix by using shims under one side of the motor mount as well as a rudder tab. These items were taken care of and on his next flight he reported that the plane was tracking straight. He recommended a more efficient checklist which he created and also better ways to stow charts and checklists while in flight and I was able to work from that information and make it happen. He has pointed out a cylinder that is running a little hotter than the others and has given me guidance in ways to bring that cylinder temperature down. On the last flight he realized that the alternator is not charging the battery. As fear and panic set in as I was setting myself up for more disaster and expense, Ray Romeu came to the rescue

Next Breakfast
Sunday March 4, 2018
8:00 to 10:00 AM

Board Meetings
-Thursday February 15th
@ 6:30 PM AT Base Ops
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General Meeting Tuesday
February 20, 2017@ 7:30
PM

Builders Night is every
Thursday 7:00 – 9:00PM

Young Eagle Pilots
Needed for the
Sunday Pancake
Breakfast

Please contact Cheri Short
at
skydiver36c@yahoo.com



and it turned out I was missing a wire to the Master switch. All this time Tom was flying off just the battery. I will fix that tomorrow. (By the time you read this I will have already fixed it.) Tom even recommended a pencil holder which I am presently working on.

Soon he will be taking me up with him and giving me transition training, but what I want you all to realize is that our Flight Advisor program is much more than some pilot taking your plane up. It is someone who is finding flaws and helping you correct them to make it a better flying and safer airplane. It is a process and we should all take advantage of this gift of having a highly qualified person like Tom Irlbeck as our Flight Advisor.

Bill Bresnan - President - Chapter 66

What's Happening

Events coming up

Page Field Aviation

Day April 7th

Page Field s having the Aviation Day on April 7th. Many Volunteers will be needed to man the many functions that our EAA Chapter conducts on this day. Come to the Chapter meetings to get more details.

General Meeting Feb 20th

Don't forget that the Chapter BBQ's hamburgers and hotdogs for the General Meetings. The grill is usually fired up an hour before the meeting starts.

EAA Clean-up Day

Saturday, March 3, is a scheduled cleanup day for the Chapter House & setup for the breakfast. Tasks scheduled are;

- power wash the building
- wash the trailer
- stain the picnic table

Hor d'oeuvres Night

Saturday, March 10, is a Hor d'oeuvres Social Night. Bring a dish to share, BYOB and beer is free. The fun starts at 5:30 till 9:30 (or so).

You will not want to miss this fun evening. Plan on attending and swapping stories with everyone.

Sun-n-Fun

Planning on going to Sun n Fun? If you are and you are there on Friday April 13th be sure to look up Len at the beer garden after 5:00 PM. (Party time)

We invite/encourage all of our new members to attend all of our events. After all, this is your Chapter too.

Going Flying?



Be Sure to Check FSS for TFRs

Page Field Update

We are nearing the end of Program 1 of the Page Field Pavement Rehabilitation Project. Paving of the newly constructed section of Taxiway C between 13-31 is expected to commence on November 13th.

I am also pleased to announce that the rehabilitation project for Runway 13-31 has officially started. This project includes pavement rehabilitation on 13-31,

new lighting and signage for the runway and Taxiway B, and extending Taxiway E from E2 to the approach end of Runway 13.

As part of this project it will be necessary to schedule overnight closures on Runway 5-23 to allow for work on 13-31 that falls within the 5-23 safety area. The first round of overnight closures is scheduled to begin on Sunday, November 12 and end on Friday, November 17. We will close 5-23 each evening at 2100 local and reopen the following morning at 0700.

Please continue to check NOTAMs for the most current airfield information. Thank you.

Regards,

Scott C. Sheets
Sr. Manager
Maintenance and
Operations
Page Field (FMY)
239-590-6603

Please go to <http://www.flylcpa.com/fmyairfieldimprovements/> for a diagram of current runway and taxiway closures at Page.

As always, please continue to check

NOTAMs for the most current airfield information. If you forget all that, be sure to listen very carefully to the KFMY ASOS. It also has current information. Thank you.

STAYING INFORMED

From January's

Chapter Meeting

- The Hangar Fund is now at \$50,000.
- 5 new members at the Jan meeting.
- The fly-in at the James hangar in Jan was a huge success. A discussion was held to have a flyin 3 or 4 times / year.
- It was announced that we have a donor to the hangar fund: if we are within \$10k of our goal, he'll match the final \$10k.
- A suggestion was made that members should be encouraged to leave part of their estate to the EAA 66 chapter.
- A motion to suspend any discussion on the pet issue was made and accepted.
- Many shop tools have been donated to the Chapter. They are inventoried and put in storage until dispersal is finalized.

Chapter Website

-David Burns now has the Chapter website up & running as

EAA66.org

Check it out.

Page Field STEM DAY

On Jan 17th, Page Field hosted area high school students for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) Day. EAA Chapter 66 was represented by Bob Willaford, David Burns, Dave Stone, & Rich Zeidman. They each gave presentations on building their aircraft and aviation careers.





EAA Chapter 66 to Host FMFC's Poker Run

Please be aware that we are hosting the FMFC Poker run on Sat. Mar. 24th. We provide the food and they supply the card game. This is always a fun event and we even have some winners. If you fly the event, cards are available at Punta Gorda, Venice, Arcadia and LaBelle. The fifth card is available at the event. If you do not fly, the FMFC will sell you a hand for \$10. This is one event you may not want to miss. Everyone has a good time.

FROM AOPA..

Trump budget includes ATC giveaway

February 12, 2018 By
Thomas B Haines

Despite the growing chorus of opposition both in Congress and among nearly 200 general aviation industry groups,

consumer groups, unions, small airports, state aviation departments, and local elected officials—not to mention the \$100 billion price tag—the president's fiscal year 2019 budget proposal calls for removing air traffic control operations from the FAA.

Bloomberg reported that even though the administration supports this, “the proposal is largely symbolic given strong bipartisan opposition in Congress.”

After nearly two years, proponents of turning the ATC system over to a 13-member board have failed to move the proposal forward because of a lack of votes.

This isn't the first time President Donald Trump has proposed such a plan. He linked it to infrastructure improvements during a White House event shortly after his inauguration in 2017. In June 2017, his 2018 budget request also proposed the change.

A bill in the House, H.R. 2997, introduced by Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster (R-Pa.), would accomplish Trump's goal, but it has been met with strong and growing opposition.

“The U.S. air traffic system is the largest, most complex and safest in the

world,” said AOPA President and CEO Mark Baker. “Giving the taxpayer funded system to special interests will not improve safety or solve delays caused by the airlines and weather events.”

The airlines have claimed that the system is “antiquated” and doesn't adapt quickly enough to technology changes.

However, the current modernization effort, dubbed NextGen, is on track and has provided several technologies that can improve efficiencies, which the airlines have not equipped their airplanes to take advantage of.

“We don't need to give away the air traffic system in order to modernize,” Baker reminded. “General aviation supports modernization, not so-called ‘privatization.’”

Shuster's plan passed his committee last year, but because of vocal opposition by House members, and AOPA members and other pilots, it has not moved to the full House. Many in Congress would like to move on from this divisive issue and pass a long-term FAA reauthorization without handing over ATC to special interests. AOPA members have contacted their members of Congress nearly 200,000

times in the last six months to voice their opposition.

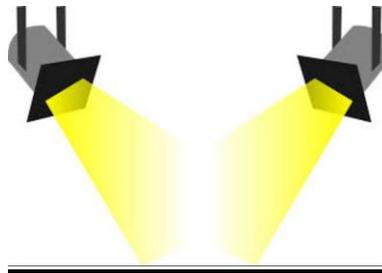
In the Senate, there is very little support for the change to ATC, and its proposed FAA reauthorization keeps the system as a responsibility of the FAA. The current FAA authorization extension expires March 30, and decisions will have to be made as to whether the fight continues or if an agreement can be reached to move long-term FAA proposals in the House and Senate that do not include the divisive ATC provision.

In the meantime, Baker encourages pilots to continue to remind their members of Congress of their opposition. To learn how you can express your opposition, visit AOPA's advocacy alert page.

COOL STUFF



EAA 66 Spotlight



Builder Updates



The following pictures are to provide an idea of what the completed plane may look like by the builders. If we get some new pictures we can update the newsletter on where the builders are at in the process.

- David Burns Glasair Sportsman 2+2



Working on the firewall forward & wing wiring.

- Art Coll & Mike Degeorgio Zenith CH 750. Working on the baggage compartment.



- Jerry Strom Zenith CH 750 – Engine received.



- Raymond Kennedy RV-6 (RV-7 Plans) Mounted his wings on Oct 4th (I believe)



Congratulations Ray!

- Ray Romeu and Bob Ackert continuing on their biplane.





them.



- Steve Gagnon – is building a plastic airplane. (yes David, there really IS a Cozy in Slatedale, PA.) The engine is being rebuilt this winter. It will be the subject of many builders’ nites. Anyone interested in seeing how this process goes is invited to the Thurs builders’ nights.

4. Anyone else that knows our members!

We would like to recognize more flyers in this area so please send in a picture and some information about your airplane or the plane you have access to fly.

Rich Zeidman – RV7
 David Stone – American Legend Cub
 Bob Willaford – RV9
 And the others that we have not listed, please send us a photo of your airplane so we can recognize you in our organization.

- Neal Trombley RV9a



- Tim Parker – RV 9a



Charles Black – Cessna Cardinal RG – N2199Q – sitting on airstrip at 12 Oaks Fly-in near Inverness FL.

The following is a new item for our newsletters.

EAA 66 Flyers

We have a lot of people that are flyers and have or access to a flying aircraft. We are going to list these here so we can help remind people that we are not just for builders! EAA 66 is made up of 4 groups.

1. Our Builders
2. Our flyers
 - a. Home Built
 - b. Certified
3. Our social group



Bob Willaford – RV9
 Flying the northern leg of his test area. Bob has his test hours flown off and is now flying his bird A LOT instead of painting it. Someday, he will.

Wo9rking on the wings

- Dietrich and Ulla Fecht CH 640 (4 seats)



- Tom Peppers Sonex now has as airworthiness certificate. His wings are off & getting ready to paint



Tom Kracmer – RV9a
Taking his airplane on a flight review.



Tom Irlbeck – RV8
PIK-20B Glider:
This is a picture taken in Wisconsin with my glider, a PIK-20B. I had made a "land out", ran out of thermals and landed in a farmer's hay field, 15 miles short of our home airport of Osceola (KOEO), Wisconsin. It is also a 15 Meter glider, 40-1 glide ratio, which wasn't enough to get me back.



Tom's RV6



Kurt Hosterman's RV7



Creighton Smith's Europa



This is my Europa, the second completed in the USA. I rebuilt it over a year and a half and we flew to New Hampshire and back, to Wyoming for the eclipse, to Nova Scotia, Canada and lots of local flying. It has an 80hp Rotax and trues 125kt @ 70%

Coleman 1976 C 182



Rich and Pat Zeidman
RV7

Cold day in LaBelle – Riches 2nd RV and a real performer.



Dave Stone – American Legend Cub

This is a fantastic airplane with dossal handling charities.

We need to know what you have and would like to share with the rest of the members. Pictures are great! Please send info to the following email address:
eaachapter66@gmail.com

David Burns – Action Photographer/ Asst Editor/ Janitor/ Treasurer/ Does NOT Do Windows



Young Eagle Updates

Cheri Short: EAA 66 Young Eagles Coordinator

6 Young Eagles and 0 Eagles were flown at the Feb 4th breakfast. HEY!! Let's bring those kids so Cheri has something to do.

A big THANK YOU goes to Doug Short...

Young Eagles Coordinator Cheri Short couldn't make it this month. So her very capable son, Doug, took charge and did an outstanding job coordinating our Young Eagle and Eagle programs. Flights were conducted by Tom Irlbeck, Rich Zeidman, & Tom Kracmer.

Breakfast Highlights

149 breakfasts were served. Our outlook is for more breakfasts in the coming months as our snowbirds begin to arrive.

A big thank you goes out to Neal Trombley for procuring all of the food. Further thanks go to our crew; Bob Willaford, Tom Peppers, Bob Ackert, Eddie Hayward, Steve Gagnon, & Ray Romeu.

From Len DeNardo..

We are looking for volunteers to help man the gate on Breakfast Sundays.

John Coleman has consented to be there from 7:45 to 8:30 or so. We need two more folks over the next hour and a half.

An adult is needed, if at all possible, to monitor the guests who come in. Barry Bratton rode by today and was very happy to see the gate manned. We will also try to get a golf cart from the line to facilitate getting back and forth to the gate.

EAA 66 Classified Ad's:

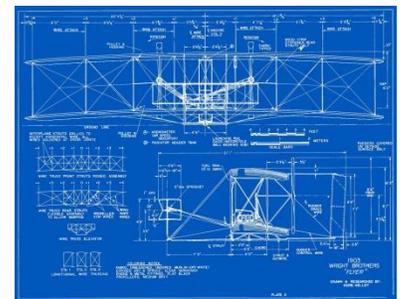
Any items you wish to list in the Classified Section of the Newsletter contact Steve

STEEN SKYBOLT (BI-PLANE) KIT: \$9,500 All wing ribs (1/4" spruce with mahogany gussets), epoxied using aircraft nails, spars cut and tapered plus all wing bows and compression struts. Fuselage and tail feathers appear to be

professionally jigged and welded 4130 tubing, primed and ready for epoxy primer. Included is fabric to complete the aircraft. Landing gear has already been fabricated, streamline tubing is included to fabricate wing struts. This is a magnificent find which will save years of work on a time proven and well-regarded aircraft. A STEAL at \$9,500. All reasonable offers considered. Located at EAA Chapter 66 at Page Field, Ft. Myers, FL. Contact Bill Bresnan, 239-898-6694 or Len DeNardo, 239-849-7984.



DAR is Coming



Builders take note:

Late February or March we are having a DAR come to Fort Myers to review and grant Airworthy Certificates. Are you close? Contact David Burns at 239-738-0075 ASAP so we can get your plane ready for the inspection. Contact David even if you feel you are further out than that! Call today!

CHAPTER 66

General Meeting

Third Tuesday – Each
Month @ 7:30 PM

Board Meeting

2nd Thursday of each
month 6:00 PM

Pancake Breakfast

First Sunday – Each Month

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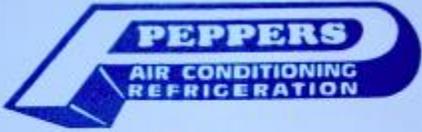
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